

**.DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 23, 2021 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the August 23, 2021 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District’s Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Sue Esser, and Linda Leonhart. Present via remote access were: Jeff Hahn and Gail Lovick. Absent was: Brian Coker. Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Kathy Davis, Rebecca Toetz, and Nate Jaeger. Administrators present via remote access: Sara Totten, Pete Wilson, and Debbie Brewster.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Keri Brunelle recited the DeForest Area School District’s Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Esser, seconded by Leonhart and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board of Education may convene into Closed Session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) (Discuss negotiation strategy for potential land purchase by the District)</p>
4.	<p>Public Input - None.</p>
5.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p> <p>A. Construction Update</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> John Rauwolf, District Owner Advocate provided a construction update for the referendum projects and shared updated photos of the construction projects at the High School, and Middle School. The District has now taken occupancy of</p>

Harvest Intermediate school and the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on August 18, 2021.

- B. Review Board Policy BP-1 in preparation for Board applicant interviews on August 30 and discuss Process for Filling Village of DeForest Board Vacancy

Discussion: The Board reviewed Board policy BP-1 in preparation for hosting Board applicant interviews for the vacant Village of Windsor seat on August 30, 2021 beginning at 5:30 pm at the DeForest Area Public Library. All applicants will be interviewed individually and the Board intends to make a selection that same evening.

In addition, the Board discussed the process for filling a Village of DeForest vacancy, made available by the resignation of Jeff Miller effective August 11, 2021. The Board intends to hold an information session on September 13, 2021 prior to the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. Interviews are scheduled for October 11, 2021 and the Board plans to make a selection that evening.

6. Board Consent Agenda  
A. Accept Minutes - August 9, 2021

Brunelle made a motion, Lovick seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

7. Superintendent Consent Agenda  
A. Personnel Recommendations

I. Separations:

Danielle Vogel - English Teacher DAHS - Resignation effective 7/23/2021

Megan Chrisler - Special Education Teacher DAMS - Resignation effective 8/11/2021

Christina Micklos - School Counselor DAHS - Resignation effective 8/17/2021

II. Leaves: None.

III. Transfers: None.

IV. Appointments:

Kaelan Mangold - Custodian Harvest - new position

Nicole Heimbecker - Recess Supervisor Harvest - new position

Emily Bischoff - Educational Assistant Harvest - new position

Amy Thurow - Library Media Specialist Harvest - replacing Dana Pike

Julie Vulich - Educational Assistant Harvest - new position

Taylor Schrader - Recess Supervisor Harvest - new position

Emily Molloy - Social Studies Teacher DAHS - replacing Brittany Brazzel

Wendy Novitzke - Food Service Assistant DAHS - new position

Mary Ellingson - 8th Grade Teacher DAMS - replacing Evan Moss

V. Reassignments: None.

VI. Other: None.

- B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

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	Hahn made a motion, Esser seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
8.	Linkages - Board members attended Framework for Moving Forward on August 11, as well as the Harvest Intermediate School Ribbon Cutting and Open House.
9.	Press Verification The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.
10.	Convene into Closed Session  Brunelle moved, Leonhart seconded, to move into closed session at 6:56 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Brunelle, Esser, Leonhart, Lovick, and Hahn. Naye – None. Absent – Coker  While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) (Discuss negotiation strategy for potential land purchase by the District)
11.	Reconvene into Open Session  On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Hahn, and passed by a unanimous roll call the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 7:22 pm.
12.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business - None.
13.	Future Agenda Items - None.
14.	Board Debrief
15.	Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 7:23 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Brunelle, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
	DASD BOE President Signature:
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